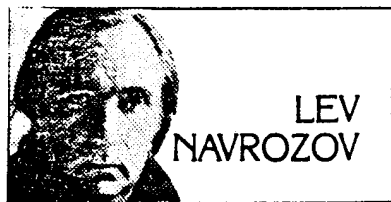


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CIA eager to out-liberal-Democrat media



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As of today, the CIA has done nothing to investigate the complicity of the Soviet-Bulgarian secret police in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

This is no news to me. In my studies of the CIA which I began in 1973 and finally published as an article in 1978, I demonstrated that the CIA's top secret reports are actually compilations of Soviet propaganda publications.

But something else has emerged from the pope-assassination case. Far from making any contribution to the investigations, the CIA tried to impede them and downplay their results.

CIA record

This comes as a total surprise to many. The liberal-Democrat media have been representing the CIA as a den of rightist cloak-and-dagger cold-warriors who would be only too glad to be the first to rush headlong into whatever incriminates the Soviet regime. And here it has been found that while even the Italian communists support the assassination-attempt investigations, the CIA has been hampering them.

It's true that in the late '40s and early '50s the CIA was fighting the Cold War against Soviet aggression. So was The New York Times. But then?

In the late '50s, The New York Times declared that Castro had nothing to do with Soviet communism. The CIA, with Allen Dulles at the head, said the same, though there was strong evidence that Castro had been Stalin's agent since 1948.

In the mid-'60s, The New York Times began to consider the war in defense of South Vietnam unwinnable and our bombing of the aggressor ineffective. So did the CIA, and The New York Times even quoted the CIA editorially.

Up to 1976, if not 1979, the liberal-Democrat media represented the Soviet war regime as a peaceful, backward country, and in 1973 the CIA, in its (top secret!) "annual estimate" of Russia, announced a "new era of international and commercial relations," and stated to the Congress that the "Soviet defense burden ... is no greater than that of the United States."

In 1974, the CIA reported (top secret!) that the Soviet "share of gross national product spent on defense has been falling," and, indeed, the percentage of Soviet "expenditures for military investment" dropped in 1972 by half compared with 1960. This peacefulness of the Soviet regime follows from its pathetic overall backwardness in everything "from electric shavers to missiles." Thus, in 1975, the CIA deputy director explained to Congress that the "U.S.S.R. is where the United States was somewhere in the early 1940s." So Russia is something like a big Mexico or Afghanistan. No wonder she is such a peaceful society, vast miserable backwoods wishing only to be left unmolested by modern powerful countries.

Accordingly, way back in 1973, the CIA offered "prescriptions for improved [Soviet] economic performance," and in particular recommended to "expand [Soviet] commercial relations with developed nations to facilitate technology transfers." A student of American intelligence data on the Soviet regime in 1964 to 1975 may conclude that the CIA is a charitable institution, studying a peaceful

backward country, still "somewhere in the early 1940s," in order to help it industrialize and catch up with modern societies.

CIA experts

Who are these CIA experts who have been writing in their top secret reports exactly what the liberal-Democrat media have been printing and broadcasting? Just those same university graduates who majored in the humanities taught by predominantly liberal-Democrat professors who subscribe to The New York Times as their one and only national newspaper.

In the mid-'70s, the Russian Department of Columbus University in Ohio had the imprudence to invite me to give several lectures on Russia. The audience received me well, but at the end a post-graduate student majoring in Russian studies stood up and said, "Sir, I enjoyed your lectures very much, and you sound so authentic and credible. But if I am to believe you, then all that I've been taught here for eight years and all that I've read in The New York Times is dangerous nonsense."

So it was. Of course, I was never invited to that university again. It is this "dangerous nonsense" that these graduates, masters and doctors carried to the media and academic world — and the CIA.

Their attitude toward the Soviet complicity in the assassination attempt on the pope stems from the prevalent liberal-Democrat attitude of American Sovietology: "The Soviet KGB nearly did the poor pope in. We know it. But let's play it down as much as possible. Unless we do, the Soviet regime, which is, basically, a peaceful society on the defensive, may be badly aroused, and there'll be a threat to detente, peace and cultural exchange, while all those conservatives, reactionaries and cold-warriors will rejoice."

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The pay of the CIA is low compared with that of the media, and its prestige is even lower compared with academia. But there aren't enough jobs in media and academia for all liberal-Democrat graduates, so some of them have to accept jobs in the CIA. But at least these liberal-Democrats in the CIA derive satisfaction by emulating The New York Times. And if The New York Times (minus its in-house conservative-Republican oppositionist William Safire) was the slowest to begin to cover the Soviet complicity in the assassination attempt on the pope, these liberal-Democrats in the CIA did it much better by trying to hamper the investigations in Italy.

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